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SUBJECT: GDR RECOGNIZES "PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA" PROCLAIMED
BY THE MPLA OF AUGUSTINHO NETO

1. IN A MOVE REPEATED BY ALL EASTERN EUROPEAN
CAPITALS, THE GDR CAPPED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA
FACTION IN ANGOLA BY QUICKLY EXTENDING FORMAL DIPLO-
MATIC RECOGNITION ON NOV. 11 TO THE GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMED
EARLIER THAT DAY BY MPLA LEADER AUGUSTINHO NETO. THIS
DEVELOPMENT WAS CARRIED IN LEAD COMMENTARIES AND PAGE ONE
PRESS COVERAGE ON NOV. 12.

2. THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOGNITION RECALLS THE
GDR'S "ACTIVE SOLIDARITY" WITH THE MPLA AND PROMISES
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FUTURE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST

"IMPERIALISTIC INTERVENTION". TO DEMONSTRATE THIS,
THE GDR ANNOUNCED IT HAS JUST DELIVERED TO LUANDA
UNSPECIFIED AID TOTALLING THREE MILLION MARKS.

3. COMMENT: GDR MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE ANGOLAN
SITUATION HAS BEEN TO PORTRAY THE MPLA AS THE SOLE VIABLE
AND FUNCTIONING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE WHILE
DOWNPLAYING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FNLA AND UNITA.
THE LATTER TWO ARE NOW GROUPE TOGETHER AS BEING
PARTY TO THE IMPERIALIST STRATEGY. THE ONGOING
MILITARY STRUGGLE AMONG THE THREE FACTIONS ALSO TENDS
TO BE DOWNPLAYED BY GDR MEDIA AND DESCRIBED MORE AS
A CLEANING-UP OPERATION BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT RATHER
THAN AS MAJOR BATTLES IN AN UNRESOLVED SITUATION. COOPER

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